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ATLANTIC CHARTER

Extension To India Urged

REACTION TO JAP THRUST

London, March 24.

With the new Japanese offensive across the border of India in Manipur which has surprised people here, who believed in the accounts that all was well along the Indo-Burma frontier, the Indian political question has come once again to the forefront.

Mr. Rhys Davies, leader of 40 members of the British Parliament who have decided to press for a debate on the principles of the Atlantic Charter, said in an interview. "I demand that the principles of the Atlantic Charter be applied now and at once to India."

To-day's *Daily Herald* editorially discussing the Atlantic Charter says, Mr. Churchill admits the necessity for expanding the Charter into a more detailed declaration of Allied policy.

The *New York Times* also says that neither Mr. Cordell Hull nor Mr. Churchill has answered uneasy American and British questions demanding to know where the Governments stand in translating the principles of the Charter into specific settlements. It warns that until the Charter is defined or superseded by a statement of aims to which all the victors can subscribe, there will continue doubts and the danger of division and demands for new consultations.

The British Press prominently publishes the news of Japanese invasion of India and the *Daily Telegraph* front page headlines read, "Japanese cross frontier into India—held thirty miles from Imphal". Official quarters here say that the Jap forces are a tough raiding column. Trends of American radio suggest that Japanese drive is solely a diversionary move which at the most might yield only political advantages.—F. A. S. C.

ATTACK ON MANIPUR

CHINESE VIEW A "POLITICAL MOVE"

Chuncking, March 24.

A Chinese military spokesman stated to-day (Friday) that the Japanese penetration into the Indian province of Manipur was more a political action than a military move, and was aimed at "causing disturbance".

The spokesman said that Japanese troops from Manchuria were being rushed southward to strengthen Japanese concentrations in the Yellow River and Yargtze Valley regions. Japanese troops in winter uniforms were crowding all south-bound trains. This he thought, was possibly a prelude to Japanese action aimed at sealing the Chinese-held gaps in the Peiping-Hankow and the Canton-Hankow railways—communication links of vital importance to Japanese strategy in the event of Allied land and air offensives from China. —Reuter

Novation in Appointments

Emergency A. G. As To Be Relieved

The Committee's Suggestion

In a report to be submitted to the State Council, the Executive Committee of Agriculture and Lands suggest the appointment of Office Assistants to relieve the Assistant Government Agents (Emergency) of routine work and give them more time for work in the field.

The Committee recommend that officers of the status of Class III Civil Servants should be appointed to these posts, and if such officers are not available that Graduates or Advocates of the age of 22 to 40 years should be recruited for the purpose.

The Executive Committee's report is made on the motion of Mr. Simon Abeywickrama suggesting that in view of the uncertainty of obtaining any foodstuff from outside the island, immediate steps should be taken to launch an intensive campaign of paddy cultivation, and in order to make such scheme a success more Emergency Assistant Government Agents should be appointed.

The Committee considers that with the passage of time, Emergency Assistant Government Agents have been saddled with duties which were not visualized at the time of their appointment. Increase of work brought increased financial responsibility but there was no compensatory increase of staff. Consequently they find themselves unable to give enough personal attention to the work of Food Production.

The mover of the motion, the report states, suggests the redistribution of Emergency Assistant Government Agents on a basis of population. The Committee is of opinion that the Assistant Government Agents (Emergency) should continue to be in charge of the duties other than Food Production which have now come on them, and that the remedy proposed will not be entirely satisfactory.

The Committee considers that the remedy lies in an adequate increase of the Assistant Govt. Agent's staff. The appointment of an officer of the status of a Class III Civil Servant as Office Assistant would relieve the Assistant Government Agent of a vast amount of routine work and thus give him more time for work in the field. If Class III Civil Servants are not available for the purpose, the Committee recommends that Graduates or Advocates of the age of 22 to 40 years be recruited for this purpose.

NEW JAFFNA MAGISTRATE

Mr. J. E. A. Alles, Point Pedro Magistrate, has been transferred to Jaffna as Magistrate.

Mr. P. A. de S. Senaratne the Jaffna Magistrate has been seconded for service as Office Assistant to the Controller of textiles.

JAPS PUSH TOWARDS IMPHAL

They Intend to Divert Allied Forces

Childish Propaganda Effort

London, March 23.

The Japanese offensive towards Imphal is believed to have as its object the diversion of Allied forces and material from the campaign in Northern Burma. It was begun after the failure of their counter-offensive in Arakan—which, had it succeeded, would have served much the same purpose—but before the Japanese Command can have been in a position to appreciate the extent of the threat to Northern Burma constituted by the arrival of British airborne troops east of the Irrawaddy.

Whether the local success in the Chin hills and the Chindwin area would be regarded by the Japanese as compensation for loss of North Burma there is no means of judging, although, of course, if the local success enabled them to push their way into Assam along the Manipur road they would be in a position to threaten the main lines of communication on which all Allied forces operating on the frontier or inside Burma depend. At their present rate of progress they are still far from accomplishing anything of the kind.

The Berlin and Tokyo radios have been busy building up what General Auchinleck has called a thrust by strong Jap raiding columns across the Chindwin just over the Indian border into an invasion by the Indian National Army commanded by Subhas Chandra Bose. This rather childish propaganda effort will hardly, one imagines, deceive anyone. But it is well that the actual character of this "token invasion" should have been disclosed as it has been done by General Auchinleck's statement in the Indian Council of State.

M. P.'S INVITATION TO MRS. NAIDU

New Delhi, March 24.

According to the National Call, Mrs. Sarojini Naidu has accepted the pressing invitation of several members of Parliament and British politicians to visit England subject to the condition of her health and arrangements for travel made by those who have extended the invitation.

According to the paper, there is no likelihood of the British or the Indian Government giving the necessary facilities for travel. The report published in a section of the press about her departure for England at the end of this month seems to be based on the fact that the invitation has been extended and accepted, subject to these conditions.

State Aid For War Allowances

Agreement Reached Between Govt. and Urban Councils

But They Must Increase Their Rates Next Year

It is understood that the Minister of Local Administration will shortly ask the State Council to approve a vote of approximately Rs. 700,000 to be given as grants to Urban Councils to enable them to pay war allowances to their employees at the rates at which the Government pays such allowances to its employees.

The Executive Committee of Local Administration, it is learned, at a meeting held last week approved the proposals being brought up before the State Council in terms of an agreement reached at this week's conference between the Minister of Local Administration, the Executive Committee of the Association of Urban Councils and the Financial Secretary.

In accordance with this agreement it is proposed that the Government should make grants to Urban Councils to bridge the difference between the sums provided by them in their budgets for the current year for the payment of war allowances and the sums which would be actually required for the payment of the war allowances on the Government scale.

Under the same agreement Urban Councils are to increase their property rates and other taxes and make other taxes and make other adjustments in their budgets to enable them to meet half the cost of their war allowances, the Government paying the other half of the total bill by way of grants.

The Executive Committee of Local Administration originally proposed to make grants to Urban Councils for this purpose unconditionally but the Board of Ministers rejected the proposal on the ground that the Urban Councils must increase their taxation.

At yesterday's meeting of the Executive Committee it was urged that some of the Urban Councils had already increased their taxes while others should be allowed time till January next year.

The approval of the Board of Ministers will now be sought for the supplementary vote approved last week by the Executive Committee.

INDIAN TO RUN FOR COMMONS ELECTION

Birmingham, March 24.

The Secretary of the Birmingham Indian Association, Dr. Dhani Ram Prem announces his intention contesting the next general election for Parliament on the issue of India. He will stand either as a Commonwealth candidate or as an Independent Socialist. He has not yet selected the constituency.

Before going to England in 1938 Dr. Prem was a Congressman in the United Provinces and was Medical Officer at the Bhatia General Hospital in Bombay. —Reuter



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THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 1944

CONTACT

ROTARY HAS FOR ITS IDEAL service above self and Rotarians make use of acquaintance as an opportunity for service. There are many institutions with the same objective. Contact and fellowship will remedy several diseases which not only we in Ceylon but also other peoples in other parts of the Globe are suffering from. The majority community have of late become rather avaricious; they want a greater share of the loaves and fishes of office including the judiciary. We cannot under any circumstances advocate a policy similar to that of Pakistan in India. Ceylon is a very small island, and Ceylonese must stand united without weakening themselves by divisions. This does not mean the amalgamation of the different races; each race must preserve its individual characteristics and at the same time nothing should be done which will stimulate or perpetuate racial hatred. Acquaintance with one another, mutual understanding and good will, and greater consideration for the needs of the neighbour are necessary. In matters of appointments, colour or race should never be a factor. The best person should be selected. The desire to make appointments on the basis of racial discrimination is dangerous and will not be for the common weal. We should not think in terms of Ceylon for the Singhalese or Ceylon for the Tamils, or fight with each other for maintaining pride of race. Our contact with each other should make us feel that we are one people working for the common welfare of the island. The cries of fifty fifty and Rule by the majority community are being heard; we shall stress on the need for such representation as would not enable one community to ride roughshod over the other; balanced representation is misleading and can be interpreted to mean fifty fifty. On the other hand it can also be understood otherwise. Everyone accepts the view that the minorities are entitled to weightage; the question is 'what should be the weightage'. We recommend a policy of conciliation which will make the different races come into greater contact with one another so as to foster mutual understanding and good will.

WORLD PEACE ORGANISATION

Preliminary Outline Already Worked Out

Mr. Hull to Seek Congress Support

Washington, March 25.

Senator Tom Connally, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, announced today (Saturday) that Mr. Cordell Hull, United States Secretary of State, is preparing to seek Congressional aid in drafting an American plan for the international peace organisation to which the United States pledged itself at Moscow. Senator Connally understood that the preliminary outline worked out by the State Department, contemplated the creation of a body somewhat similar to the League of Nations but possessing more power to prevent aggression.

Senator Joseph H. Ball, who described the move as highly encouraging, said he was informed that the State Department had already had preliminary talks with Britain. Senator Austen said that an early establishment of a peace organisation would help to shorten the war. He told Reuter's Correspondent that the United States, Britain, Russia and China should agree on specific objectives as soon as possible.—Reuter.

URBAN COUNCILLOR ACQUITTED

Jaffna, Wednesday.

Mr. Percy A. de S. Senaratne, the Jaffna Magistrate, acquitted Mr. S. M. M. Abdul Cader, the Urban Council member, who was charged by Mr. Sulran Marikar Mohamed Abdul Cader with having voted when he had not the necessary qualifications, by reason of non-payment of taxes.

The Magistrate, in his order, stated that to prove that the accused had voted one of the voters was called. He alleged that he had seen the accused voting. His evidence was totally unsatisfactory.

"Then the prosecution produced the counterfoil which has the number allotted to the accused written on it. This is some evidence to show that a person of the name of the accused had voted. To prove knowledge various documents were produced. All these show that the accused was aware of the law that he had no right to have his name among the voters unless he had paid the taxes before the dates specified. In fact the document clearly show that the accused had not paid the taxes on the due date.

"Yet there is another factor against the prosecution. It was clearly proved that the accused had a large business at Vayuniya and that he lived there. His lands at Jaffna were locked after by his agents. It was they who normally paid the taxes.

"In the absence of evidence that it was the accused who actually made the payments of the taxes I hold that the prosecution has not proved the case beyond all reasonable doubt, I therefore, acquit and discharge the accused."

THIRTIETH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The thirtieth annual general meeting of the Jaffna College Alumni Association (Colombo Branch) was held at the Central Y. M. C. A., Colombo, on Saturday, March 25th 1944, at 3.30 p.m. with Rev. Sydney K. Bunker, the Principal of the College, in the chair. Over 200 members were present at the meeting.

MINISTER CONFERS WITH JAFFNA URBAN COUNCIL

PROPERTY RATES MUST BE RAISED

Jaffna, Monday, 27

The Chairman Mr. C. Ponnambalam and the Members of the Jaffna Urban Council met Mr. S. W. R. D. Bandaranaike, Minister for Local Administration at the Committee Room of the Jaffna Urban Council on Sunday the 26th instant at 9.30 a.m.

Mr. A. Mahadeva, Minister for Home Affairs and Mr. E. W. Kannangara, Commissioner of Local Government were also present.

Mr. C. Ponnambalam who presided welcomed the Minister for Local Administration and thanked him for giving him the opportunity to discuss the various problems that were confronting the Council. He told the Minister that the present Council was working smoothly and that there are no parties or divisions and they were all acting together like members of a happy and contented and united family. He said the first subject to be discussed was Grant from Central Government to meet the cost of war allowances. He said that he was aware that the Board of Ministers had decided unless the local bodies had raised their property rates by 30 per cent, after the war they would be entitled to receive grant from Central Government for payment of war allowances. But he said that Jaffna should be treated as a special case and there were no rich land lords and most of the ratepayers lived on small pieces of land with huts and small houses. He also pointed out that no doubt the Central Government has increased the taxation by 100 per cent after the war but it was mainly by indirect taxation and by levy of excess profit duty which affected only few persons, and there was no discontent among the masses. Whereas the local bodies had to increase direct taxation which affected the masses and if they adopted such a course there would be strong agitation by interested parties and discontent and disaffection would be created. Further Jaffna was a big Urban Council and the burden for paying war allowances was very heavy. They had to pay nearly Rs. 75,000/- a year as war allowances. He requested the Minister to pay the full cost of war allowances as grant.

Mr. Bandaranaike said that Jaffna could not be treated differently from other Urban Councils and if the claims of each Urban Council were considered separately it would lead to complications. The Executive Committee of the All Ceylon Association of Urban Councils had conferred with him and the Financial Secretary and they had arrived at an agreement whereby he (the Minister) had undertaken with the concurrence of the Financial Secretary to pay the war allowances to each Urban Council this year for payment of which no provision had been made. From next year 1945 onwards it had been agreed that half the cost of war allowances would be paid by Central Government as grant and the other half would have to be met by the local bodies by raising the property rates and other budget adjustments.

Mr. Sam Sabapathy said that Urban Councils should be given

power to raise the money required by indirect taxation i.e. by getting a portion of the tree tax, by taxing the cinema goers etc.

Mr. Bandaranaike replied that Mr. Sam Sapathy's suggestion involved the question of financial relationship between the Central Government and Local bodies.

Mr. Mahadeva said that provision had been made by the Jaffna Council for two months only and inquired from the Minister whether the Central Government would pay for the remaining period of 10 months.

Mr. Ponnambalam inquired from the Minister whether it was a condition precedent that Urban Councils should raise its property rates for the Central Government to pay half the cost of war allowances for next year. Mr. Bandaranaike replied that the property rates must be increased otherwise the Central Government would not pay half the cost of war allowances for next year. In reply to Mr. Mahadeva Mr. Bandaranaike said that the full amount of the war allowances for which no provision had been made in the budget would be paid this year.

Mr. Ponnambalam next referred to the Karayur Reclamation scheme and said in order to effectively clear the Karayur Slum which was one of the worst in the world the Central Government should estimate the cost of putting up all necessary buildings on the Reclaimed Area in order that the slum might be cleared at once and pay the same as grant to the Council instead of paying by small instalments annually.

Mr. Kannangara said that there could be a three year plan and said he would send the Town Planner to Jaffna to inspect the site etc. and prepare plans and estimates.

The Chairman next brought to the notice of the Minister that Jaffna had been agitating for water supply for over a century and in 1939 a scheme had been adopted by the Council and in pursuance thereof acquisition of lands was proceeding and they required about Rs. 10,000/- for acquisition of lands and requested the Central Government to pay immediately half the cost of the acquisition of lands.

Mr. Bandaranaike said the Government would pay the cost of acquisition and wanted the Chairman to make an application.

Dr. S. C. Thurairajah M. O. H., pointed out that there should be a separate Medical Officer of Health for the Jaffna Urban Council, more Sanitary Assistants, Public Health Nurses and Midwives. He also suggested that Grand Bazaar should be improved by erection of sundry boutiques for which loan should be given by Central Government. Mr. Kannangara replied loans could be obtained.

After further discussion of other subjects the conference was concluded at about 11.45 a.m.

The Chairman Mr. C. Ponnambalam and Dr. S. C. Thurairajah M. O. H. took the Minister and the Commissioner of Local Government to the slum area and to the Grand Bazaar, Cor.

PUBLIC LECTURE Buddhism And The Upanishads

Under the joint auspices of the Ramakrishna Mission and the Vivekananda Society Prof. B. M. Barua M. A., D. Litt. Head of the Department of Pali, Calcutta University delivered a public lecture on Buddhism and the Upanishads at the Vivekananda Society Hall, Hill Street on Wednesday the 22nd instant. Mr. N. Nadarajah K. C. presided.

At the outset of his lecture Prof. Barua stated that Buddhism and the teachings of the Upanishads were not to be regarded as the conflicting systems of philosophy or religion. Early Buddhism was a continuation of the teachings of the Upanishads. The word Upanishad occurs in the teachings of the Buddha.

Prof. Barua then proceeded to explain the points common to Buddhism and the Upanishads. First he took the principles of Dharma which according to Lord Buddha governs all moral and physical laws of the world. The same nature is ascribed to Ritha in the Upanishads. Dharma is eternal. Lord Buddha only discovered its existence. Lord Buddha and other Tathagathas are merely discoverers of the truth. The law of Dharma was there in the Universe as its guiding principle even before Lord Buddha discovered it and it is to this same law that the Upanishads written before Lord Buddha refer to as 'Ritha' or truth. Prof. Barua explained Dharma as that law by which all changes and all effects take place according to righteousness and according to a sense of morality and justice.

There was a further point of resemblance between the teachings of Buddhism and these of the Upanishads. Both point out the impermanency of all world's enjoyments, refer to the joy and peace that is to be found in Moksha or Nirvana and exhort us to strive to attain that state. The attainment of Moksha according to the Upanishads and the attainment of Nirvana according to Lord Buddha brings about our liberation from the fetters of mind and matter and we see the depth of our very being and enjoy its presence. Thus we find that there is no conflict between the teachings of the Upanishads and those of Lord Buddha. In fact the latter are a continuation of the former. Both are teachings regarding the greatest struggle of the human mind to attain our Liberation or salvation; both are an outcome of the realization or experiencing of an order of harmony in which there is calm, peace and unmingled bliss.

All the religious phases of India be they Buddhism, Jainism, Vaishnavism or Saivism should be regarded as the same mighty flow of Indo-Aryan tradition and of a mind that was and is in quest of the eternal bliss. They should all be regarded as supplementing and not conflicting one another though there may be slight apparent differences here and there in the matter of minor details. "In fact", concluded the lecturer, "Lord Buddha should be regarded as a great Upanishadic Teacher".

Srimath Swami Siddhatmananda, Vice President of the Ramakrishna Mission, Mr. M. Ambalavanar and the president spoke thanking the lecturer.

MUNICIPALITY FOR JAFFNA

Long Overdue Says Minister

Jaffna, Tuesday 28.3.44

It has always been my view that a city of such importance as Jaffna should take its place among the Municipal Towns of the Island said Mr. S. W. R. D. Bandaranaike, Minister for Local Administration speaking at a complementary dinner given to him at the Jaffna Rest House by Mr. C. Ponnambalam Chairman, Jaffna Urban Council.

Mr. C. Ponnambalam presided. Among other guests were Mr. A. Mahadeva, Minister for Home Affairs, Mr. E. W. Kannangara, Commissioner of Local Government, members of the Urban Council and Dr. S. C. Thurairajah, Medical Officer of Health.

After an excellent menu Mr. S. Patanjali, Member Urban Council speaking said 'It is my pleasant privilege to extend a hearty welcome to our distinguished guest the Minister for Local Administration on behalf of the Members of the Urban Council. We are deeply indebted to him for having found time to visit Jaffna and study at first hand her problems and difficulties. Whenever there has been a problem of importance Mr. Bandaranaike has shown a willing readiness come down here and acquaint himself with it personally and assist us in solving it. Therein lies the secret of his popularity with all sections of the people of Jaffna (Applause).

One would wish that the other Ministers too would follow his example. The present difficulty which confronts the Jaffna Council at present is not peculiar to Jaffna but is shared by a majority of the Council in the Island. Local Government being still in its infancy in our Island it is not surprising that we have to pass through periods of difficulties such as this. The present difficulty not being one of our own seeking it is but natural that we should expect the Central Government to come to our rescue. It is needless for me to go into the details of the financial problems, but let me assure Mr. Bandaranaike that quite apart from the purpose of his visit to day the welcome that is extended to him by the members of the Urban Council is sincere and genuine." Turning to the Commissioner of Local Government Mr. Patanjali said "I am happy to see in our midst Mr. E. W. Kannangara, he is an old friend of Jaffna but a true friend of Local Government in Ceylon. (Applause) The great progress achieved within the last few years would not have been possible had not the Minister had a trusted and capable lieutenant as Mr. Kannangara to assist him. Looking round the table I also see the Minister from Home Affairs present. We are grateful to him for having come to day. It is but natural that he should be with us as he is one so far as I am aware who has the interest of Jaffna closest to his heart. (Applause)

Mr. Bandaranaike replied thanking the Chairman for the magnificent entertainment provided for them that day said that he was always glad to come up to Jaffna because he was treated with the greatest kindness and friendliness. Mr. Bandaranaike then made the remarks quoted above.

Mr. Mahadeva speaking next said

Letters To The Editor.

POLICE REFORM

Sir,—The proposals for the re-organisation of the Ceylon Police Force by the new I. G. P. (vide sessional paper IV 1944) are fine with the precision of an expert detective, he has laid his index finger on the weak spots, traced the ailments to their source and has prescribed the remedy. His diagnosis and remedy should receive the warm appreciation of all intelligent people loving the good of their country. His proposals are concentrated on effecting a radical change in the moral outlook of the police. That this is the fundamental need, no one can gainsay. Long have the Police behaved as if they were units of the military quartered in an enemy country. Since the last riots (1915), the "militarisation" has become more and more pronounced.

Excellent as are the proposals for reform, their practical benefit, I must say, when set to function, should suffer frustration unless and until a corresponding reform in the manner and method of recruitment to the minor judiciary be effected and the relations that should legitimately subsist between the Police and the minor judiciary be defined and delimited by a legal enactment. I have the conviction that the cases of high handedness of the Police "which came to light in recent times and in some cases of which the police officers concerned were made to pay their penalty could not have occurred, had the local Magistrates done their duty.

The practice of appointing Magistrates on probation leads to their leaning on the support of the police to secure permanency. A friendship often follows between the local police Inspector and the Magistrate on the basis of *quid pro quo*. In certain out-stations, an "inner bar" constituted of the confidants of the Magistrate come into being, sponsored by the local police officer.

The rapid increase of lawlessness in recent years will not surprise any one who knows how the courses of justice have become chopped and choked.

Yours truly
R. C. P.

SCHOLARSHIP FOR CARNATIC MUSIC 1944

Sir,—The results of the Scholarship for Carnatic Music awarded by the Ceylon Government, to study in India were announced on March 2nd 1944. It was with great surprise that I learned of its award to Mr. T. Param. I should like to remind all your readers and those sincerely interested in music that this award was not one which, by any stretch of the imagination, can be called fair.

One of the applicants was none other than Mr. N. Shanmugaratnam. He has already broadcast through the Colombo Radio and has given a recital in Jaffna at the Town Hall to a very appreciative audience. Certainly he is one of those Tamils who have reached a high standard as is seen by his ability to broadcast many a time on the All India Radio, Trichinopoly. For this rare privilege a very high standard of attainment is necessary.

The board constituted to judge the applicant's did neither contain any one who knew the fundamental

that Mr. Bandaranaike was a friend of Jaffna and would do his best to promote its interests. Mr. E. W. Kannangara speaking next said that the progress and future of Ceylon depended on the successful working of the Local Government.

Mr. C. Ponnambalam thanked the guests. Cor.

als of Carnatic music, nor again a Tamil. It is a thing which might give room for any one to suggest undue influence, and when a man of repute and merit is left out of consideration in such an indifferent manner like this, the time has come when those interested should stand together to see that no such things occur again. It is hoped that His Excellency the Governor will be pleased to see that he does not sanction such instances of irregularities for the sake of good government and justice in the Island.

Yours faithfully,
V. Ratnasingham.

CO-OPERATIVE STORES VADDUKODDAI

Sir,—Allow me a little space in your esteemed journal to say a little about our Co-operative stores.

In our parish there are eleven co-operative stores. The stores that started ahead of all the other stores known as the Parish Co-operative stores carried on a good business. Though seventeen months have passed, the committee without calling a general meeting, have made changes from time to time and the committee itself has changed; how and when it changed is not known to many subscribers.

Members requested the Secretary. Though a petition but to no purpose. Perhaps they are ashamed to allow the public to know the amount of profit they made after doing a good business.

I hope the department will take the necessary action and force the exploiting committee to inform all the subscribers and hold a general meeting and set the business on a sound line and make it to serve the public and not a clique.

A member.

MATRIMONIAL

JEYAVERASINGAM— KAMALAMPAL

The marriage took place yesterday morning at Vaddukoddi with great éclat of Mr. S. Jeyaverasingam B. A. (Lond) of the Staff of the Jaffna Hindu College and the President of the Senior Lyceum of the College with Miss Kamalampal daughter of Mr. M. S. Rajaratnam Advocate. Though the ceremony took place early in the morning a host of relations and friends graced the occasion. The bridal party returned to the bridegroom's residence in the evening in a largely attended procession. A reception was held at the bridegroom's residence where the popularity of the bridegroom and his father Mr. S. Sabaratnam the Veteran Head Master of the Vaddukoddi Hindu English school was testified to by a large and numerous gathering from all parts of the Jaffna District. The staff and students of the Jaffna Hindu College and Branch schools and the Vaddukoddi Hindu English school were conspicuous in the assembly and enthusiastically congratulated the happy couple.

OBITUARY

We regret to have to record the untimely death which took place yesterday after confinement at the Incurable Hospital of Srimathi Sinnamah wife of M. Mylvaganam the energetic Secretary of the Saiva Paripalana Sabai, the All Ceylon Saiva Conference and various other religious and literary movements in Jaffna and of the tutorial staff of the Jaffna Hindu College. The dead lady was about 24 years old at the time of her death and leaves behind her husband, two young children and a host of relations and friends. She proved herself a true helpmate to her husband and was a source of inspiration to him in all his religious activities. May her soul rest in peace.

Famine in Bengal Takes Its Toll

Mr. Amery Discloses Figures

6,89,000 Deaths

Westminster, March 23.

About 6,89,000 people died in the recent Bengal famine. This figure was given by Mr. Amery in the Commons to-day. He said that he was very glad that very much larger figures quoted in some quarters had turned out to be erroneous but he was not minimising the extent of the appalling calamity.

His full answer to a question asking for the total number of deaths in excess of those over the average in normal years reads: "The Directorate of Public Health in Bengal has now compiled figures of deaths recorded in the Province in 1943. The recorded deaths from all causes was 18,73,749. This exceeds the average recorded mortality during the previous five years by 6,88,846. This figure roughly represents the number of deaths due to starvation, malnutrition impairing resistance to disease as well as abnormal epidemic diseases not associated with malnutrition. It is an approximate measure of the great economic disaster which afflicted Bengal last year. I am glad, as all must be, that very much larger figures quoted in some quarters have turned out to be erroneous but I am not to be understood as in any way minimising the extent of the appalling calamity."—Reuter.

WEEK-END VILLAGE TRAGEDY

Monday, 27th March

Late on Saturday evening Marthalingam 28 year old vellala of Sanguvely in the Parish of Uduvil was found murdered in the house of a dhoby named Sinnathamby Markandu of the same Village. The abdomen of the deceased was ripped open with a knife and the intestines were protruding.

One Thuraisingham who is said to have been in the company of the deceased is lying in the Jaffna Civil Hospital with injuries on the head.

Mr. T. C. Rajaratnam Acting Mallakam Magistrate motored to the scene and held the Magisterial inquiry.

Mr. Seneviratne A. S. P. with Inspector K. D. Reuben of the Chunnakam Police led evidence.

Sinnathamby Markandu who was produced by the Police was remanded till tomorrow. Cor.

VIVEKANANDA SOCIETY, COLOMBO

Mr. Thikkam S. Chelliahpillai Manager Kandavanam Temple delivered on 'Periapuranam' at the Society Hall, Hill Street on Saturday 25th March 1944 at 8 p. m. At the close of the lecture Sri Pon Kumaraswamy Adigal of Conjeevaram also addressed the gathering.

JAFFNA URBAN COUNCIL

A Special Meeting of the Jaffna Urban Council will be held at the Office of the Council tomorrow at 4 p. m. to confirm the Minutes of Proceedings of the meetings of the Council held on the 10th and 24th March 1944, to consider papers regarding sanction of supplementary votes for payment of war allowances and to consider what steps should be taken consequent on the views expressed by the Hon'ble the Minister for Local Administration on grant for war allowances and to consider the financial position of the Council.

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 216. In the matter of the intestate estate of the late Valliammai widow of Kanapathippillai of Karainagar West in Jaffna Deceased.

1. Kanagar Ambalavanar and wife
2. Sinnachy both of Karainagar West in Jaffna Petitioners.

Vs.

1. Ampalavanar Arumugam
2. Ampalavanar Kanapathippillai
3. Ampalavanar Sithambary
4. Sinnakkudiy widow of Ambalavanar
5. Arunasalam Kanapathippillai and wife
6. Theivansai all of Karainagar West in Jaffna
7. Kanthar Saravanamuttu and wife
8. Valliammai both of do
9. Arumugam Veluppillai of Karainagar West in Jaffna
10. Sanmugam Sivasambhu and wife
11. Sellammah both of do now of E. M. S.
12. Ampalavanar Kandiah and wife
13. Sinnachy both of Karainagar West in Jaffna and
14. Parupathy widow of Kathiravelu of Karainagar West in Jaffna Respondents.

This matter coming on for disposal before James Joseph Esquire, District Judge Jaffna on the 16th day of February 1944 in the presence of Mr. A. Arumugam Proctor on the part of the petitioners and the affidavit and petition of the petitioners having been read.

It is ordered that Letters of administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased be issued to the petitioners unless the respondents shall appear before this court on or before the 20th day of March 1944 and show cause to the contrary to the satisfaction of this court.

The 22nd day of February 1944.

Sgd. James Joseph,
District Judge.

20-3-44.

Time to show cause extended till 4th April 1944.

Intd. J. J.
D. J.

(O. 101. 30 & 3-4-44)

ORDER NISI DECLARING WILL PROVED

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

(Held at Point Pedro)

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 232 PT In the matter of the Last Will and Testament of the late Thangannuttu wife of K. Balasingham of Campbell Place in Colombo Deceased. Kathiravetpillai Balasingham of Campbell Place in Colombo

Vs. Petitioner.

1. Balasingham Kumaraswamy of Colombo
2. V. Subramaciam Sivagurunathan and
3. wife Anandapoorany Ammal both of Point Pedro Respondents.

This matter coming on for disposal before L. W. de Silva Esquire, Additional District Judge on the 20th day of March 1944 in the presence of Mr. S. Appadurai Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner and of the witnesses to the Last Will having been read:

It is ordered that the Will of the said deceased dated 31st day of March 1943 be and the same is hereby declared proved.

And it is further declared that the said Petitioner is the Executor named in the said Will and that he is entitled to have Probate issued to him accordingly unless the Respondents or any other person or persons interested shall on or before 27th day of April 1944 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

The 20th day of March 1944.

(Sgd) L. W. de Silva

Add. District Judge.

O. 102. 30 & 3)

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